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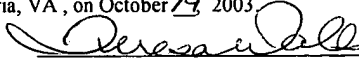
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time. This is in response to the Office Action, mailed June 6, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENT

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner amend the application as follows: